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Satellite data assimilation of atmospheric composition *Melanie Ades (ECMWF)*

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Why atmospheric composition at an operational weather prediction centre?

- Poor air quality is a major public health issue in many countries.
- Local authorities need accurate and timely information to implement effective air pollution mitigation measures.
- Accurate air quality forecasts require accurate transport models.
- Can leverage sophisticated data acquisition infrastructures implemented at operational weather prediction centers.
- Atmospheric composition also impacts the weather and forecasts.





Why this lecture?

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- Monitoring Basic data assimilation theory is the same for atmospheric composition, but...
 - Radiance assimilation is not always feasible (yet)
 - Atmospheric composition data assimilation is much more influenced by additional factors such as emissions and chemistry than by the initial values
 - With many species not being observed, the problem is even more underdetermined than the standard NWP case
 - Atmospheric composition impacts the basic NWP problem as well





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1. Copernicus Atmosphere Monitoring Service (CAMS)







What the Copernicus Atmosphere Monitoring Service has to offer

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The CAMS portfolio includes Earth Observation based information products about:

- global atmospheric composition;
- the ozone layer;
- air quality in Europe;
- emissions and surface fluxes of key pollutants and greenhouse gases;
- solar radiation;
- climate radiative forcing.
- reanalysis of atmospheric composition (back to 2003)

Quarterly validation reports of global and regional outputs.

This is done by assimilating atmospheric composition data into the IFS (in addition to meteorological observations)

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40km horizontal resolution at 137 model levels; two 5-day forecasts at 00z and 12z UTC each day

- Aerosols (AOD and concentrations): e.g. biomass burning, dust, sea-salt, sulphate, ...
- Reactive gases: CO, HCHO, NO₂, O₃, SO₂

9km horizontal resolution at 137 model levels; one 5-day forecast per day (CO₂, CH₄, linear CO)

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2. Observations of atmospheric composition





Global observing system

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We want to provide information about nearsurface air quality



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- CAMS assimilates satellite retrievals of atmospheric composition
- CAMS uses ground-based & aircraft data and satellite retrievals for validation

Spectral signature of trace gases

Atmosphere Monitoring IASI brightness temperature spectrum (8461 channels)





Spectral signature of trace gases





Seom 1–12 August 2016 | ESA-ESRIN | Frascati (Rome), Italy

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Satellite observations

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IASI & GOME-2 onboard the European MetOp satellites have also provided a wealth of atmospheric composition data.



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The Copernicus Sentinel family is adding new capabilities





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AC Observations used in CAMS

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3. Radiances versus retrievals



<u>Use of retrievals in NWP – the 80s</u>



Kelly and Pailleux, 1988

Assimilating temperature and water vapour satellite retrievals caused severe problems. Only after switch to radiance assimilation the real value of satellites was seen.

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Radiances versus retrievals

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L2 retrievals generally use same methodology as data assimilation minimize a cost function that contains the observations and some a-priori constraint:

$$J(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{1}{2} (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_r^b)^{\mathrm{T}} \mathbf{B}_r^{-1} (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_r^b) + \frac{1}{2} [\mathbf{y}^o - H(\mathbf{x})]^{\mathrm{T}} \mathbf{R}^{-1} [\mathbf{y}^o - H(\mathbf{x})]$$

The retrieval equation: $\hat{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{x}_r^b + \mathbf{A} (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_r^b) + \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}$

The retrieved value will be biased relative to the assimilation model background, when the prior information is different from the model background.

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This bias will have a vertical structure based on the vertical sensitivity of the observations. The averaging kernel **A** describes the vertical structure of the impact of the a priori information



•Diurnal variations of Tsurf affect retrieval over land.

- CO near surface more detectable during day, AKs shift downwards
- Diurnal variability of AKs largest over e.g. deserts, smallest over sea
- If AKs are not used this can introduce an artificial diurnal CO cycle in the analysis

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Assimilating retrievals: Column retrieval example

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We can make use of the averaging kernel **A** in the observation:

 $d = y - H(\mathbf{x}_m) \in \mathbf{x}_r^b + \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_r^b) + \mathcal{E} + H(\mathbf{x}_m)$

Without averaging kernels in observation operator



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$$= \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{x} - H(\mathbf{x}_m)) + \varepsilon$$
With averaging kernels in

We remove the influence of the a-priori profile if we use the averaging kernel to sample the model profile according to the assumptions made in the retrieval.



observation operator

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- Atmosphere Monitoring • Total column retrievals come with integrated averaging kernels; some information is lost
 - Profile retrievals with full averaging kernels and retrieval errors can become difficult to handle
 - Not all retrieval methods allow the estimation of an averaging kernel; e.g., neural networks
 - Not all data providers use the same definition of averaging kernel in their data files
 - Many different versions of the observation operator needed to deal with all variations
 - We use:
 - Reactive gases: Profiles, columns with and without averaging kernels
 - Aerosols: Columns without averaging kernels, profiles being tested
 - Greenhouse gases: Radiances and columns with averaging kernels



Assimilating retrievals: summary

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- Easier
- No radiative transfer model for some of the species of interest
- Bad experiences with radiance assimilation:

Combination of model bias and VarBC in CO₂ data assimilation from AIRS and IASI radiances caused artificial long-term trend. Tests with IASI/AIRS ozone radiance assimilation led to degraded tropospheric ozone in CAMS

- Retrieval teams can focus their expertise fully on specific observation
- Good communication between data providers and data assimilation users needed
- Good characterization of retrieval is crucial
 - Averaging kernels
 - A priori
 - Error estimates
 - Quality flags



Current research



ARAS project used LUTs created from Oxford-RAL Aerosol and Cloud (ORAC) satellite retrieval scheme to replicate reflectances

CAMEO project will use RTTOV in the visible channels to replicate reflectances – capturing cloud and aerosols

Observations



ARAS project





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4. Potential issues when assimilating AC satellite data





Increment from one TC ozone retrieval



Increment from one TC ozone retrieval



An extreme example: Ozone 7 October 2004

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- Similar TCO3 analysis from (old) GEMS reanalysis and CAMS reanalysis
- Huge differences between corresponding O3 profiles
- No profile data (MIPAS, MLS) were assimilated in GEMSRA in Oct 2004 and model had a large O3 bias leading to very bad vertical O3 analysis profiles
- Shows importance of using limb sounding data for O3 analysis





Aerosol – an ill-observed system





Aerosol – an ill-observed system









Aerosol analysis

- CAMS aerosol model has 16 aerosol bins:
 - 3 size bins each for sea-salt and desert dust
 - 2 bins (hydrophilic and hydrophobic) each for organic matter and black carbon
 - 1 bin for sulphate
 - 2 bins (fine and coarse) for nitrate
 - 1 bin for ammonium
 - 2 bins for SOA
- Assimilated observations are AOD at 550 nm from MODIS (Aqua and Terra) and VIIRS (SNPP and NOAA20) over land and ocean & PMAp (Metop-BC) over ocean
- Control variable is formulated in terms of the total aerosol mixing ratio.
- Analysis increments are repartitioned into the species according to their fractional contribution to the total aerosol mixing ratio.
- The repartitioning of the total aerosol mixing ratio increment into the different bins is difficult



Dust storm February 2021



NASA Worldview – MODIS Aqua and Terra AOD 550nm observations for 20210222

The CAMS forecast does a good job of forecasting the AOD plume from Africa over Northern Europe

CAMS Total AOD at 550nm 12hr forecast valid at 20210222 12hr

Aerosol forecasts - Sunday 21 Feb 2021, 00 UTC VT Sunday 21 Feb 2021, 12 UTC Step 12 © ECMWF 2021



Dust test case February 2021



Total AOD at 550nm: 20210222 03hr

- AOD increments are attributed to the different species according to their proportion in the nonlinear forecast.
- If there is no dust in the forecast in a specific location then the increment will be given to whatever species are there – in this case Sulphate



Dust test case February 2021



AOD at 550nm

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Sulphate aerosol optical depth at 550nm hm6k Final state

Date=20210222 time=03

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AOD incr at 550nm

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5. Emissions and emission inversion


Initial condition vs boundary problem



- NWP 4D-Var is mostly defined as an initial value problem. Only initial conditions are changed and model error is relatively small.
- AC modelling depends on initial state and surface fluxes

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 Large part of chemical system not sensitive to initial conditions because of chemical equilibrium, but dependent on other parameters (e.g. emissions, deposition, reaction rates, ...) which all might have errors



Short-lived memory of NO2 assimilation OMI NO2 analysis increment [%] Differences between Atmosphere Assim and CTRL Monitoring a) 60°N 30°N 0°N Latitud 30°S JF 60°S 2008 120°W 60°W 0°E 60°E 120°E Longitude c) 47 60°N 30°N Latitud 0°N 30°S JJA 60°S 2008 Longitude 120°W 0°E 60°E 120°E 60°W -20 -15 -10 -30 -25 -5 5 10 15 20 25 30 100 -45 -35 -25 -15 15 25 -5 5 35 45

- Large positive increments from OMI NO2 assim
- Large differences between analyses of ASSIM and CTRL



 $[10^{15} \text{ molec/cm}^2]$



- Large positive increments from OMI NO2 assim ٠
- Large differences between analyses of ASSIM and CTRL
- Impact is lost during subsequent 12h forecast
- Constraining emissions (in addition of IC) would give a better initial state and persistence of ٠ forecast improvements throughout the DA window

Inness et al. (2015, ACP)

Examples of emissions

TNO European anthropogenic NOx emissions



MACC-GHG Reanalysis Flux Inversion December 2011 Mean CO2 Fluxes [gC / m2 / day] mean = 0.039 red - sources blue - sinks 60°E

CO2 fluxes

CAMS GLOB biogenic CO emissions



Volcanic SO2



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Biomass burning, 15 October 2017



CAMS_GLOB anthropogenic emissions



Emissions

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- Emissions are one of the major uncertainties in composition modeling (can not be measured directly)
- The compilation of emissions inventories is a labour-intensive task based on a wide variety of socio-economic and land use data
- Trends are applied to inventories from previous years to produce future emission datasets
- Some emissions can be "modeled" based on wind (dust and sea salt aerosol) or temperature (biogenic emissions)
- Some emissions can be observed indirectly from satellites instruments (Fire radiative power, burnt area, volcanic plumes)
- "Inverse" methods can be used to correct prior emission estimates using observations of concentrations and models



Including emissions in the control vector



How to improve?

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Use the data assimilation system to adjust surface fluxes at the same time as the initial atmospheric conditions.

McNorton, J., Bousserez, N., Agustí-Panareda, A., Balsamo, G., Engelen, R., Huijnen, V., Inness, A., Kipling, Z., Parrington, M., and Ribas, R.: Quantification of methane emissions from hotspots and during COVID-19 using a global atmospheric inversion, Atmos. Chem. Phys. Discuss. [preprint], https://doi.org/10.5194/acp-2021-1056, in review, 2022.





Including emissions in the DA control vector results in significant improvements in modelled CO mixing ratios at the surface and in the upper troposphere.

Over Mumbai, emissions are adjusted locally, while Atlanta show the longrange transport effect of adjusted emissions elsewhere.



Using observations to create emissions

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OLD

- Use of total column SO2 (0.01-1013 hPa). Averaging kernels currently not used.
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NEW

- Use of layer SO2 :
 - p_top=plume_pressure*(1-0.2)
 - p_bot=plume_pressure*(1+0.2)
- Use const background errors, e.g. 1e⁻⁷ kg/kg at all levels



Using observation to create emissions





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6. Potential benefits for NWP





Impact of prognostic aerosols

AOD anomalies and boreal wildfires summer 2021



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Anomalies calculated against 2003-2020 monthly means from CAMS reanalysis



Atmosphere Impact on Artic wildfires on 2m temperature forecasts (JJA 2021)

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Using prognostic aerosols leads to decrease in 2m temperature RMSE against synop observations

Credit: Johannes Flemming



Wind information from tracers

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- Prospect to extract wind information from long lived tracers in stratosphere and upper troposphere, e.g. O3, H2O, N2O.
- Similar to cloud-track winds but data coverage worse.
- Potential was demonstrated in early studies for H2O (Thepaut 1992) and O3 (Daley 1995; Riishojgaard 1996; Holm 1999; Peuch et al. 2000)
- Could compliment existing wind observations and help in areas where there is a lack of adequate global wind profile data



Ozone and wind increments

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Single observation experiments





Requirements to extract wind info from tracers

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- Complete data coverage (3D), frequent observations.
- Accurate observations and high-quality background field
- No bias between observations and background
- Depends on accuracy of TL model compared to full model (better for passive tracers/ long chemical lifetime)
- Studies have looked at this in idealized experiments (e.g. Daley 1995; Riishojgaard 1996; Peuch et al. 2000; Allen et al. 2013, 2014, 2018) focusing on long-lived tracers O3, H2O, N2O and found positive impact for perfect (and frequent) observations.
- Few studies used real data (e.g. MLS O3, Semane et al. 2009) and positive results are less clear for 'not perfect' or infrequent observations

Example from ERA-Interim (it went wrong)



GOME 15-layer profiles (~15,000 per day) SBUV 6-layer profiles (~1,000 per day) The stratosphere is not well constrained by observations:

- Ozone profile data generate large temperature increments
- 4D-Var adjusts the flow where it is least constrained, to improve the fit to observations
- => IFS O3 analysis is completely uncoupled now



Potential benefit for NWP

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- Prognostic aerosols, feedback on dynamics via radiation scheme: NWP first used Tegen AER climatology in radiation scheme, then CAMS interim climatology from CY43R3 and CAMSRA climatology from 48R1 onwards. CAMS uses aerosols interactively
- Dynamical coupling with wind/T through TL and AD: turned off
- Use of O3 (& other fields) in the radiation scheme: MACC climatologies used in NWP. CAMS uses interactive O3.
- RTTOV observation operator: Use of O3, CO2 analysis fields to improve the use of radiances sensitive to O3, CO2: model O3 is used, but climatologies used for other tracers (e.g. fixed CO2 value)
- Multivariate JB: Correlations between tracers and dynamical variables, e.g. O3 and vorticity; correlations between chemical species: univariate





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What we have seen today...

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- Basic Data Assimilation theory is the same
- Particular challenges related to DA for atmospheric composition
 - Boundary conditions (emissions) as well as initial conditions; inversions
 - Mismatches between modelled and observed variables
 - Fast reactions and short life-time of some species
- Atmospheric composition has the potential to improve various aspects of NWP
- CAMS produces useful global and regional European Atmospheric Composition forecasts and analyses, freely available from <u>atmosphere.copernicus.eu</u>



The Atmosphere Data Store (ADS)

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All CAMS data are freely available

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2. Data assimilation methodology for atmospheric composition





Cost function

Atmosphere Monitoring Data assimilation for atmospheric composition is in principle no different from NWP data assimilation data assimilation



x: control vector

x_b: model background (short forecast)

B: Background error covariance matrix

y: Observations

H[x]: Model equivalent of observations R: Observation error covariance matrix

- Strong constraint 4D-Var assumes perfect model over assimilation period
- Weak constrained 4D-Var includes a model error term





Data assimilation methodology

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Data assimilation for atmospheric composition is in principle no different from NWP data assimilation

$$J(x) = (x - x_b)_{Control variables}^{TB^{-1}}(x - x_b) + \sum_{i=0}^{n} (y_i - H_i[x_i])^{T}R_i^{-1}(y_i - H_i[x_i])$$

$$NWP$$

$$Vorticity$$

$$divergence$$

$$temperature$$

$$surface pressure (logarithm)$$

$$specific humidity$$

$$Atmospheric Composition$$

$$Ozone$$

$$carbon monoxide$$

$$nitrogen dioxide$$

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$$methane$$

$$aerosol mixing ratio$$

$$P(x) - H_i[x_i])^{T}R_i^{-1}(y_i - H_i[x_i])$$

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IFS

In the IFS the atmospheric composition and NWP models are fully integrated



Data assimilation methodology

